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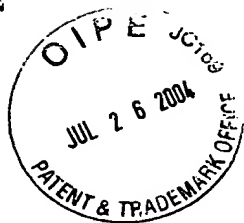
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mukesh Dalal
Serial No.: 09/528,457
Filing Date: March 17, 2000
Group Art Unit: 3627
Examiner: Steven B. McAllister
Title: System and Method for Multi-Party Constrained Optimization

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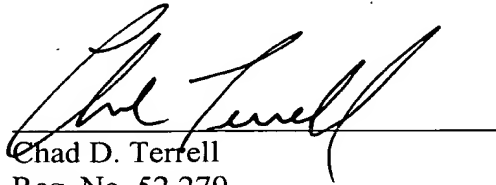
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